

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

502A1 1 A method for forwarding mail that is addressed to a recipient and a virtual post office box to be delivered directly to a recipient, said method comprises the steps of:

- receiving recipients name and information regarding recipients desired delivery address;
- assigning a virtual post office box for individual recipients;
- relating recipients virtual post office box with recipients desired delivery address;
- delivering information to recipient's that represents their assigned virtual post office boxes;
- placing information that represents virtual post office boxes on mail;
- reading information on mail to capture virtual post office box information, when present;
- determining recipient's desired delivery address from virtual post office box information and recipient's name; and
- delivering mail to recipient's desired delivery address.

2. The method claimed in claim 1, further including the steps of:

- placing recipients desired delivery address on mail.

3. The method claimed in claim 2, wherein recipients desired delivery address is placed on mail in coded form.

4. The method claimed in claim 2, wherein recipients desired delivery address is placed on mail in human readable form.

5. The method claimed in claim 2, wherein recipients desired delivery address is placed on mail in coded form and human readable form.

6. The method claimed in claim 1, further including the step of:

changing recipient's desired delivery address in accordance with recipient's instructions.

Sub A2 7. The method claimed in claim 2, wherein in the changing step: recipient specifies the time period in which mail is going to be delivered to the changed delivery address.

8 The method claimed in claim 2, further including the step of:
billing for the number of times recipient's changed their desired delivery address.

9. The method claimed in claim 1, further including the step of:
metering the number of times recipient's desired delivery address was determined.

10. The method claimed in claim 9, further including the step of:
billing for the number of times recipient's desired delivery address was determined.

11. The method claimed in claim 1, wherein recipients virtual post office box is represented in alphanumeric characters.

Sub A3 12. The method claimed in claim 1, further including the steps of:
assigning access codes to recipients that are related to recipient's virtual post office box;
delivering access codes to recipients;
receiving recipient's name, access code and recipient's intention to change their delivery address;
changing recipients delivery address upon conformation of recipients name and access code.

13. The method claimed in claim 12, further including in the changing step, the steps of:
confirming recipient's virtual post office box.

14. The method claimed in claim 12, wherein in the changing step: recipient specifies the time period in which mail is going to be delivered to the changed delivery address.

Sub A 15. The method claimed in claim 12, further including in the changing step, the steps of:

assigning a biometrics to recipients;
 delivering a biometrics to recipients;
 receiving recipient's biometrics and recipient's intention to change their delivery address;
 changing recipients delivery address upon conformation of recipients biometrics.

16. The method claimed in claim 12, wherein recipient's name, access code and recipient's intention to change their delivery address may be received by telephone.

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 17. The method claimed in claim 12, wherein recipient's name, access code and recipient's intention to change their delivery address may be received by facsimile.

18. The method claimed in claim 12, wherein recipient's name, access code and recipient's intention to change their delivery address may be received by computer.

19. The method claimed in claim 12, wherein recipient's name, access code and recipient's intention to change their delivery address may be received in person.

20. The method claimed in claim 12, wherein recipient's name, access code and recipient's intention to change their delivery address may be received by mail.

21. The method claimed in claim 12, wherein recipient's access code is encrypted.

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